In the Claims

Claims 1-35 (Canceled)

36. (Currently amended) A <u>cordless</u> method for ~~establishing cordless~~ communication between a host computer and at least one portable communications device using a docking device, wherein the docking device is ~~connected~~ <u>connectable</u> to the host computer and capable of synchronizing the portable communications device and the host computer when the communications device is docked in the docking device, the method comprising:

communicating a signal between the host computer and the portable communications device through the docking device without docking of the portable communications device in the docking device<u>, using cordless spread spectrum radio technology</u>.

37. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein the docking device includes a first antenna and the portable communications device includes a second antenna, and wherein the communicating step communicates the signal through the first and second antennas.

38. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein the communicating step communicates the signal using predetermined security keys.

39. (Canceled)

40. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein the portable communications device is a personal digital assistant (PDA).

41. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the communicating step communicates the signal from the host computer to a plurality of PDAs, simultaneously, using a set of predetermined security keys commonly assigned to the PDAs.

42. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the communicating step selectively communicates the signal from the host computer to a plurality of PDAs using different sets of predetermined security keys assigned to the PDAs.

43. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the PDA provides telephone functions.

44. (Original) The method of claim 36, further comprising:

relaying communication from one portable communications device to another portable communications device using a list of device identifiers for identifying different portable communications devices.

45. (Original) A computer program product embodied on computer readable media readable by a computing device, the product comprising:

computer-readable program code means for providing personal digital assistant (PDA) functions to a portable communications device; and

computer-readable program code means for configuring a host computer and the portable communications device to perform cordless communication each other through a docking device without requiring docking of the portable communications device in the docking device.

46. (Original) The product of claim 45, further comprising:

computer-readable program code means for generating a set of security keys to be used in the cordless communication.

47. (Original) The product of claim 46, further comprising:

computer-readable program code means for providing data synchronization between the host computer and the portable communications device when the communications device is docked in the docking device.

48. (New)   A cordless method for providing chat communication between a host computer and at least one portable communications device using a docking device, wherein the docking device is connectable to the host computer and capable of synchronizing the portable communications device and the host computer when the communications device is docked in the docking device, the method comprising:

establishing a communication between a chat program on the host computer and a chat program on the portable communications device, via the docking device, without docking of the portable communications device in the docking device, using cordless spread spectrum radio technology.

49. (New) A cordless method for providing email communication between a host computer and at least one portable communications device using a docking device, wherein the docking device is connectable to the host computer and capable of synchronizing the portable communications device and the host computer when the communications device is docked in the docking device, the method comprising:

establishing a communication between an email program on the host computer and an email program on the portable communications device, via the docking device, without docking of the portable communications device in the docking device, using cordless spread spectrum radio technology.